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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ELAB, PORG, ILO, IS  
SUBJECT: VISIT TO ISRAEL OF ILO REPRESENTATIVE

1. THE MFA RECEIVED A CABLE SEPTEMBER 9 FROM ILO DIRECTOR GENERAL BLANCHARD STATING THAT "DUE TO UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES," HE WOULD HAVE TO POSTPONE THE VISIT TO ISRAEL OF NORWEGIAN PROFESSOR UPSAL, WHOM HE HAD DESIGNATED AS HIS REPRESENTATIVE TO INVESTIGATE LABOR CONDITIONS IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, AND THAT HE WOULD COMMUNICATE FURTHER. NO FURTHER COMMUNICATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED. THE MFA OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR ILO MATTERS (BAR-YAACOV, DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, POLITICAL AFFAIRS) HAS GIVEN US THE FOLLOWING ISRAELI UNDERSTANDING OF THE POSTPONEMENT.

2. ISRAELI PRESS HAD REPORTED THE SCHEDULED VISIT. WIRE SERVICES PICKED UP THE STORY AND IT WAS ALSO PRINTED IN A NUMBER OF EUROPEAN PAPERS. AFTER THIS PUBLICITY, ARAB DELEGATIONS TO ILO PROTESTED THE VISIT, SAYING THAT IT WAS NOT PROPER THAT A REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD BE SELECTED AND SENT TO ARAB TERRITORY WITHOUT CONSULTATION WITH THEM. ACCORDING TO REPORTS FROM THE ISRAELI REPRESENTATIVE TO ILO, THESE PROTESTS WERE MADE TO BLANCHARD ORALLY AND IN WRITING BY ARAB REPRESENTATIVES COLLECTIVELY.

3. BAR-YAACOV SAID THE ISRAELI ASSESSMENT IS THAT THE  
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INCIDENT HAS EMBARRASSED BLANCHARD. THE ISRAELI REPRESENTA-

TIVE TO ILO HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO EXPRESS ISRAELI  
SURPRISE THAT THE ILO WOULD ACT IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO  
DAMAGE ITS PRESTIGE, BUT HE IS NOT TO EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT  
THE UPSAL VISIT WILL BE RESCHEDULED IN THE NEAR FUTURE OR  
OTHERWISE TO COMMENT.  
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